

Wall plaza filled for Tisha Be'Av



Soldiers mix with students and tourists in one of the hundreds of groups reading the Book of Lamentations and other dirges at the Western Wall last night, opening the fast of Tisha Be'Av. (Yaniv)

Tens of thousands of worshippers streamed to the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem last night to mark the beginning of the Tisha Be'Av fast.

The fast, which commemorates the destruction of both Temples, as well as other disasters that have befallen Jewry through the ages, started at 6.30 p.m. yesterday and ends at 7.11 tonight.

At nightfall yesterday, the plaza in front of the Western Wall filled with groups of people saying the *mar'ive* evening prayer and then squatting on the ground to read the Book of Lamentations and *kinnot* dirges. In addition to fasting observant Jews sat on the floor on low stools during Tisha Be'Av and wear footwear made of cloth and plastic rather than leather. (In ancient times leather shoes were a sign of affluence and comfort.)

By eight p.m. the Western Wall square was one mass of people, com-

posed of those engaged in mournful prayer and many others just milling around and observing the scene. The approach to the Wall was through the *shuk* or the Armenian quarter, with the police closing the former route temporarily when pressure became too great.

At nine p.m. police reported that all pedestrian traffic was moving smoothly and that no incidents of any kind had occurred till then.

Shortly after nine, Police Minister Shlomo Hildel visited the Wall square, as he does every Tisha Be'Av.

Sepphardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef in a sermon in Tel Aviv last night appealed to the world community to exert unrelenting pressure on the Arab countries to permit the Jews of Iraq and Syria to emigrate.

Chinooks and places of entertainment, as well as cafes and restaurants, were closed last night. Israel Television and Radio broadcast special Tisha Be'Av programmes.

Further bid to see Israelis held in Oslo

The Foreign Ministry's legal adviser, Dr. Meir Rosen, was due to have met once more yesterday afternoon with his Norwegian counterpart in another attempt to get the Oslo Government to agree that he meet with the two Israelis held in connection with the killing of Ahmed Bouchiki on July 21.

The Oslo Labour paper "Arbeiderbladet" claimed yesterday that Israel's intelligence chief paid a secret visit to Oslo last Friday when he met with his Norwegian opposite number Gunnar Harstad, at the home of Israel Ambassador Yitzhak Kenan. The Norwegian Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday he had no report of such a visit, but did not rule out the possibility that it could have taken place.

"Arbeiderbladet" also maintained that Israel's formal diplomatic reply to the Norwegian Government on the Lillehammer affair could be expected soon following Friday's secret visit.

The Danish newspaper "Politiken" published over the weekend a detailed report on what it claims is the true identity of Dan Ert, one of the two detained Israelis.

WANDERING DANE

Based on an investigation by its correspondents in three continents, the "Politiken" report says that Ert, 36, had many different identities over the years, had checked out at various times as Ertsechik, Arbel and Abel. A Danish Jew, he came to Israel with his parents in 1961, after they had sold a number of shops and other valuable property in Copenhagen.

Later, Dan returned to Europe, where he represented a number of Danish furniture firms in American army camps in West Germany. He came back to Israel in October, 1968, joining the Israel firm representing Danish Interiors. Despite a high income he left the firm after a few years. After marrying an Israeli girl named Devora Kook, Dan Ert-Ertsechik went to Paris, where he again represented a number of Danish firms.

In April 1968, he opened a firm in Copenhagen, called "Viking" actually only a one-room office with one secretary. One year later, Ert moved to Rome, where he founded the "Biscayne Freighters and Shipping Corporation, Monaco," with a capital of DM700,000. "Politiken" asks where had he access to such funds.

U.S. bombers kill 100 Cambodians in error

PHNOM PENH — U.S. aircraft yesterday mistakenly bombed a Cambodian town, killing at least 100 persons and injuring another 300, according to government sources here.

In Washington, a Defense Department spokesman confirmed that a B-52 had accidentally bombed Neak Leung, a ferry town near the South Vietnamese border, but said he had no details of casualties available.

Meanwhile, the Cambodian Government radio yesterday accused the Vietnamese of massacring 150 villagers at Kompong Trach, south of Phnom Penh, on July 19.

The bombing error occurred only about 30 hours after the U.S. Supreme Court had refused to order an end to all U.S. bombing in Cambodia.

The wounded from the shattering town were brought to hospitals in Phnom Penh by helicopter and patrol boats up the Mekong River. Hospital authorities said more than 200 wounded were in the capital already and at least another 100 are expected today.

Reports here said U.S. F-111 bombers dropped some 180 tons of bombs on the town.

The Defense Department spokesman in Washington, Jerry Friedman, said Department officials were still gathering reports on the incident and declined to speculate on the cause of the apparent error. But he said it appeared the bombing incident was more likely the result of a mistake than the proximity of forces from both sides of the fighting.

U.S. military advisers, faced with an August 15 deadline for ending the bombing in Cambodia, have been

directing Cambodian-requested air strikes daily against insurgent forces in an effort to help the struggling Cambodian government of President Lon Nol.

Neak Leung, a garrison of about 3,000 soldiers and marines who live there with their families, is 50 kms. southeast of Phnom Penh. It has been surrounded by Communist forces since last February. U.S. warplanes have bombed the surrounding countryside since then.

Referring to the military situation generally in Cambodia, Mr. Friedman said there was no question but that an end to American bombing support "will make it much more difficult for the Cambodian forces."

"They should be able to hold Phnom Penh," he said. "In large part it depends on the will of the Cambodian forces to fight — either they will or they won't."

(Reuters, AP)

ISRAELI FAMILIES

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter Jerusalem has taken no decision to withdraw Israeli diplomats or their families from the beleaguered Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, Foreign Ministry sources said yesterday. The sources were reacting to front-page news reports about such evacuation which appeared in similar form in two Tel Aviv afternoon papers yesterday.

Although the diplomatic colony has no plans to abandon the threatened capital, the handful of Israeli experts and their families there are in the process of moving. The experts have been advising on agricultural settlement and irrigation.

Chile opposition breaks off talks

SANTIAGO — Chile's powerful Christian Democrat opposition party yesterday announced it had broken off peace talks with President Salvador Allende.

Adding to the President's troubles, Chile yesterday still remained partly paralysed by a transportation strike.

(Reuters, AP)

Austria wants int'l action on terrorism

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV — Dr. Ludwig Steiner, Director of the Austrian Foreign Ministry's Political Department, said yesterday that a multinational solution must be found to the problem of terrorism. He warned that otherwise tremendous harm would be caused to international travel.

Speaking to newsmen at the end of a five-day visit, Dr. Steiner said Austria had tried from the outset of the wave of hijacking and terrorism to find a multinational solution at the U.N. and at the Council of Europe. Commenting on Sunday's Arab terrorist attack at Athens Airport, he said "anybody and any country can be a target."

His talks with Israeli Government officials, he said, had been friendly and productive, despite differences resulting from Austria's support of the Middle East in the recent Security Council debate.

Skylab men walk in space in bid to correct craft's faults

HOUSTON — Two Skylab astronauts stepped into space yesterday to load telescope film, unfurl a new awning-like sunshade and inspect trouble areas on their orbiting laboratory.

Bundled in bulky white space suits attached to 20-metre lifelines, Dr. Owen Garriott and Jack Louma went out through an airlock hatch at 7.30 p.m. Israel time to start their excursion. Skylab 2 was travelling more than 27,000 kph. an hour some 434 km. above the Gulf of Mexico.

Once outside, the two space rookies fell behind schedule for their first task of erecting the sunshade. As a result, Mission Control estimated the space walk might last up to five hours.

Minor problems in checking their suits and the airlock depressurization system delayed the astronauts' departure from the station for about 90 minutes. This was the

BLACK SEPTEMBRISTS IN ATHENS CHARGED WITH KILLINGS

ATHENS (Reuters). — Two 21-years-old Arab terrorists charged yesterday with wilful manslaughter after their terror assault on passengers at Athens Airport on Sunday face possible death sentences or life imprisonment, a police spokesman said.

After an all-night interrogation, police charged the pair with manslaughter, causing bodily injury, damaging foreign property and illegal possession of arms and explosives.

They are to appear today before an Athens crown prosecutor who is expected to confirm the charges and order a formal investigation leading to a criminal court trial, possibly in November.

The two Arabs were arrested after they hurled four hand grenades and sprayed automatic gunfire into travellers queuing to go through police controls in the crowded transit room of the new Athens Airport. Two Americans and an Australian were killed and 55 persons injured.

A statement issued last night by the Greek Foreign Ministry expressed "the deep sorrow of the Greek Government for this criminal act," and expressed its sympathy with the victims and their families.

The statement said "such atrocious acts committed in the name of the struggle by the Palestinians on the territory of a third party, in this case in Greece, make those who

Peres implies Greece partly at fault 'Leniency doesn't pay'

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter The Arab terrorist assault at Athens airport shows that a policy of leniency towards Arab terrorism does not pay, Transport Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday, in the first and only Cabinet-level comment on the Sunday afternoon slaughter in the Athens airport transit lounge, which left three dead and 55 wounded.

Mr. Peres said: "Governments should realise that if they are lenient towards terrorists, they themselves may well become victims of terror."

The Transport Minister put this oblique criticism of the Greek Government's leniency towards terrorism, when he recalled: "Only some days ago an Arab terrorist who tried to attack an El Al office in Athens, and then held people hostage in an Athens hotel, was ceremoniously escorted out of the country, with the aid of Arab diplomats."

Officials in Jerusalem said that although the Arab terrorist organizations had denied all responsibility for the outrage, Israel held them responsible none the less. If they declined to take credit for the assault, the officials recalled, this was no innovation, because they had also evaded responsibility for last month's killing of Air Attache Josef Alon in Washington and for the Japanese Airlines Jumbo-jet hijacking.

Jerusalem officials said that responsibility for the Athens outrage should also devolve on "those Arab countries which harbour terrorists and give them effective help."

Israel missions abroad were instructed by Jerusalem yesterday to place the conclusions to be drawn from the Athens assault high on their information agenda in the various capitals.

Jerusalem wants to do more, abroad in Europe especially, to eradicate the romantic illusion that terrorist acts are the work of a few isolated and "desperate" Arab refugees struggling to win world sympathy. "Europe must realise that bands of murderers are involved, who prepare their assaults with detailed planning and ample supplies of arms, after carefully choosing the arena where the political climate had been favourable in the past, and where the layout at the airport made their mission simpler."

The Arab terrorists were still organizing and executing missions on European soil, because they had learned to exploit the absence of a firm hand in more than one capital.

Jerusalem officials said the choice of new names of organizations by the captured terrorists, was only a facile way of sloughing off responsibility and of diverting possible retribution. The big Arab ter-

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By HIRSH GOODMAN Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent Three young men who handed themselves and two hostages over to O.C. Southern Command yesterday afternoon after a dramatic five-hour chase through the sands of southern Sinai are thought to be army deserters. The Jerusalem Post learned last night. A girl who accompanied them, is a 20-year-old recent immigrant from America. She is due to be brought before a magistrate this morning. The men are in military police custody.

The three young men, one of whom is reported to have a police record, currently being questioned by military police at Southern Command H.Q., are all from the Tel Aviv area — an 18-year-old from Be'er Yam; another 18-year-old from Naveh Sharit; and a 22-year-old man from the Hatzikva Quarter.

The escapee, which had all the makings of a Wild West show starring a Bonito and three Clydes, pestered out when four frightened fugitive handed themselves and their two hostages, captured at an army base near the Santa Katherine Monastery, to O.C. Southern Command, Aluf Shmuel Gonen.

The four had arrived at the Field School near the monastery on Sunday night in a huge Ford limousine and asked for a place to sleep. The girl and one of the boys were put in a tent, while the two other boys slept in the car. According to several witnesses who were at the school at the time, the four were rude, crude and offensive when asked what they happened to be doing in resulting from Austria's support of the Arab-sponsored resolution on camping equipment or food. The grand car turned out to have been stolen.

All Israel vessels hit Seamen call total strike

By YA'ACOV ARDON Jerusalem Post Reporter As soon as Israel flag ships anywhere on the seven seas reach their next port of call, the ratings will observe their union's strike order, allowing no unloading or loading. The shipping companies and the trading community regard the strike as a national catastrophe. "The entire foreign trade, imports and exports, is being thrown into a state of anarchy," the Shippers' Council secretary Arieh Mehalai commented yesterday.

Transport Minister Shimon Peres had not intervened in the situation in any way, although the Government on Sunday empowered him to issue back-to-work orders.

He told his monthly meeting with the Jerusalem press yesterday morning, that he considered the sailors' demand for an 86 per cent wage increase unreasonable. Asked about his power to issue back-to-work orders, the Minister said that this power was not designed to be used as a strike-breaking device.

Shipping experts say that the financial loss resulting from the strike ranges from \$2,000 a day for a small freighter, to \$15,000 for a container ship. It remains to be seen whether any of the oil tankers will also be affected by the strike. To this must be added the indirect losses to shipowners arising from the upset of all sailing schedules, loss of cargo to other companies and the damage to the country's image as a maritime nation. The largest losses accrue to Zim, which accounts for two-thirds of the national tonnage. The fiscal and economic cost of the stoppage in foreign trade, imports and exports, is incalculable.

While the rating and employers are deadlocked over the demands for higher pay at a rate which the latter term too unreasonable even for debate, both sides are digging in, waiting for the Government to act. This morning, Zim and another major shipowner, El Yam, are to meet the press to explain their position to the public.

The legal adviser and strike spokesman of the Seamen's Union, Mr. Baruch Shiffman, yesterday explained that the extension of the strike to ports round the world was in reply to the decision of the Zim management to keep its ships away from Israel ports and to man them with foreign seamen as far as possible, in defiance of the provision of the labour agreement with the union.

He regarded the owners' estimate of 86 per cent for the claimed increases as "exaggerated." He regretted that "the employers did not talk to us. Direct talks might have led to a way out of the impasse."

Dayan's reply to Uganda 'encouraging'

OTTAWA (Reuters). — Israel's response to an offer by President Idi Amin of Uganda to settle claims arising from last year's break in relations between the two countries, is encouraging, Ugandan statement here said yesterday.

An addendum to copies of the speech President Amin would have made to the Commonwealth conference, had he come, said the response came from Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, to a personal cable from the Uganda President.

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Golan	51	18-28	16-27
Nahariya	58	18-28	16-27
Safed	58	18-28	16-27
Haifa	58	18-28	16-27
Tiberias	31	22-36	21-37
Nazareth	41	22-36	21-37
Afula	38	22-36	21-37
Shomron	44	19-27	18-28
Tel Aviv	45	22-28	21-32
Lod	47	22-31	21-32
Jericho	26	22-30	21-32
Gaza	67	21-30	20-30
Beerseba	64	19-32	18-32
Eilat	19	27-37	26-40
Tiran	21	28-38	27-40

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received a group of 300 high-school students studying Hebrew and Jewish History at 10 schools in the U.S.

Mr. Helmut Rhode, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs in West Germany, yesterday called on Labour Minister Yosef Almog and discussed labour relations in Israel and Germany.

The Australian Ambassador and Mrs. Rawdon Dainton were the luncheon guests of Haifa University's acting president, Eliezer Rafaili at the campus yesterday. During the day Mr. Rafaili also welcomed to the campus Prof. Walter Hofer, Member of the Swiss Parliament and of the Council of Europe. Prof. Hofer met with senior members of the University's history and political science departments.

ARRIVALS

Isaac Stern, the violinist, for a series of performances in the Israel Festival (by El Al).

Dr. J.J. Shekter, first vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Organizations and Chairman of the Friends of the Hebrew University, Hamilton Ont., for a month's visit (by El Al).

Haj Rashad Shaw, former mayor of Gaza, from Amman, after a six-day visit during which he met King Hussein and Jordanian officials (via Israeli Bridge).

DEPARTURES

Ahmed Sa'ad, mayor of Jenin, to Amman, for financial talks with Jordanian officials (via Adam Bridge).

'Grudge' blast at T.A. restaurant

TEL AVIV. — A small explosion early yesterday morning damaged the lavatory of a restaurant here but hurt no one. Police put the blast down to a personal grudge.

The 250 gram charge had been placed in the toilet of the Noah restaurant, at 88 Derech Lod. Police suspect a relative of the restaurant's owner who had threatened to do the owner harm.

The charge, activated by a delayed fuse, went off at about 3.30 yesterday morning. A man aged about 38 from Nave Shalem has been arrested.

THE BAT DOR dance company left yesterday morning for a two-month tour of seven Latin American countries, where they will give more than 40 performances.



Exit of an underground passageway connecting Binyanei Ha'Ooma (seen in background) with the Egged bus station in the Capital, which was opened to the public yesterday. The passageway, which took seven years to build, cost an estimated 11.2m. It includes toilets, escalators and a coffee shop. (Ezra)

ATHENS ATTACK

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have given false names, the spokesman said. They identified themselves as Jihad Muhammad, born in Dishon, "Occupied Palestine," and Talaat Hussain, born in Cairo. Greek police were trying to establish how the two men were able to travel here without passports and which Arab State allowed them to leave without travel documents. The Government here is expected to protest to the appropriate Arab countries if investigations show that the men in any way received assistance from any organization based on Arab soil.

The Palestine terrorist movement has denied any connection with the incident and said in Beirut it was part of "hostile moves designed to defame the Palestinian revolution," before the world. Syria described the attack as a "dirty operation," claiming that the "Zionist intelligence" was behind it.

According to the police spokesman here, the terrorists decided to make a detailed statement, but said they had come to Athens under instructions from Black September. "One of them said they came from Libya at 1030 local yesterday while the second claimed they had both arrived from Beirut at 1400 local, one hour before the attack," the spokesman said.

The two terrorists did not go into Athens with other incoming passengers, but stayed in the transit lounge waiting for Tel Aviv-bound passengers to queue for a

Haulers warned against tying up ports today

By YITZHAK ORED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Transport Minister Gad Yacobi last night threatened Israel's truckers with a price freeze-for-all if they go through with their plan to boycott Ashdod and Haifa ports from this morning. He also told the truckers that yesterday's decision by the Public Price Review Committee — to grant them a 9.5 per cent rate rise — was final.

The truckers, through their newly organized Israel Trucking Board, said yesterday they will refuse to load or unload any cargo at the two Mediterranean ports (except goods which arrived there before today) unless they are granted an immediate 25 per cent rate-rise. They also threatened to extend their boycott tomorrow to a ban on carrying all fuel to petrol stations, airfields and industries. (Moshavim and kibbutzim would still be supplied at this stage.)

TRAFFIC JAMS

The haulers have been staging traffic jams so far to back up their demand. Yesterday they sent about 100 trucks on "guided tours" of Tel Aviv and Haifa. These however did not cause the pile-ups created Sunday by their truck caravan on the road to Jerusalem.

Sources on the Trucking Board said last night it was too late to call off today's ports ban, but offered to reconsider their schedule of escalation if the Transport Ministry agrees to sit down with them today or tomorrow.

The Deputy Transport Minister, who said last night that there would be no talks until the truckers stop disrupting traffic, warned the men that his Ministry would seriously consider ending all controls on haulage once the price freeze is over if they carry out their cur-

rent threats. He added that decisions of the Price Review board, as it was a public committee, could not be appealed.

The Ministry's proposals in the past to end control of freight charges have aroused strong opposition among truckers, who fear a price-war and competition from the territories.

Contacted by The Post last night, the manager of one large trucking firm said Mr. Yacobi's threat did not frighten the road haulers. "Control has lately become a fiction anyway," he said. "Whoever wants to charge 'dumping prices' does so."

As to the suggested 9.5 increase, the trucking official said he only knew about it from the radio. "We (the Trucking Board) will discuss it when we get official notice," he explained.

It should be noted that on Sunday the truckers rejected a Government offer of a 10 per cent increase.

Yesterday they also turned down an appeal by Histadrut Secretary General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon to call off their strike and resume negotiations. A spokesman for the truckers said they would agree to meet with Mr. Ben-Aharon, but would at the same time go ahead with their protest measures set for today.

UNDERSTAND HARDSHIPS

Mr. Ben-Aharon had told them, "We understand your hardships, but it is unfortunate that by your thoughtless actions you are harming a large part of the population and the whole economy — without helping your own situation."

Besides their demand for higher rates, the truckers also want the Government to adopt laws to limit the number of trucking firms (at present an administrative arrangement makes all trucks with fewer than around a score of vehicles join larger firms).

Laviv acquittal upheld but Supreme Court blasts former reporter

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the acquittal of former "Ha-Aretz" reporter Yigal Laviv of charges he engineered a burglary to obtain documents for purposes of extortion.

The three-member bench was ruling on a prosecution appeal against the acquittal. It agreed with the verdict of Tel Aviv District Court Judge Binyamin Cohen that Laviv was entitled to the benefit of a doubt.

The story began on the night of July 7, 1971, when Tel Aviv police arrested two burglars for stealing business documents and valuables from the flat of the late Abraham Shechter, an economist, who had once worked for the Gabor textile firm. The police later learned the burglary was planned by a man named Oded Salpeter.

Two days after the burglary, which had not been publicized, two income tax investigators called at police headquarters and asked to be shown the documents. They said they wanted to see if the papers could shed light on a certain tax evasion case.

It appeared that Assistant Income Tax Commissioner Eliezer Shiloni had learned of the burglary from Laviv, a 35-year-old reporter who had been publishing a series of exposes on tax and currency violations by industrial firms.

It emerged during the trial that Laviv had also been working for Mr. Shiloni's office as a tax informer. It also emerged that Laviv had told Mr. Shiloni five months before the burglary that the "Shechter papers" could shed light on alleged tax and currency violations by the Gabor textile firm.

This led the police to suspect Laviv had been involved with Salpeter in the theft of the documents. Salpeter was in the meantime arrested and turned state's witness, testifying that Laviv had planned the robbery in order to extort money from Gabor.

Laviv was brought to trial last summer, on charges of conspiring with Salpeter to send burglars to steal the "Shechter papers." But Judge Cohen, though admitting the prosecution had conducted a "brilliant case," acquitted Laviv. The major flaw was the key prosecution witness, Salpeter — "a sick personality," the judge said.

HAND REFUSED

"Several times my mind gave the order to convict; but my hand refused to obey," the troubled Judge admitted then. "I therefore acquit the accused."

The three-justice Supreme Court bench yesterday upheld the acquittal in a decision written by Justice Sussman. "I have arrived at the conclusion," he wrote, "that the District Court Judge's reasoning rested on a shred of doubt concerning the accused's guilt... On the basis of the transcript of the evidence, I myself would have convicted the accused; but he is entitled to the benefit of the doubt which troubled the judge who heard and saw the witnesses."

Justice Sussman agreed with the lower court judge that Salpeter was an unreliable witness, "being not only a known criminal but a sick character and pathological liar." At a crucial point in the trial, he pointed out, Salpeter testified that Laviv had given him two pieces of paper containing detailed sketches of Shechter's flat. He noted that Salpeter at first claimed he had destroyed these sketches but later "found" one of them. For some reason the sketch was not examined by a graphologist, an omission that weakened the web of evidence against Laviv. "And Salpeter's testimony alone was not good enough," Justice Sussman said.

But Laviv came in for a blast from the Supreme Court, which reviewed his dubious relationship with Salpeter — one which ended in a complete disavowal of his underworld friend after the police closed in on the reporter. Laviv had lied a number of times and his behavior throughout the affair showed a "low moral character."

One instance of Laviv's lying, the court said, was when he received a phone call from Salpeter the morning after the burglary. The newspaperman had claimed the caller was an anonymous man. "This was not only a lie but it indicated Laviv's intention of disassociating himself from his friend Salpeter. And why should he do so unless he feared that his part in the crime would be revealed?" the court asked.

Also, a police recording of another telephone conversation between Laviv and Salpeter — taped by police at Salpeter's initiative — pointed strongly to the fact that the two men were involved in unlawful dealings and were coordinating the stories they would tell the police, the court said. (Itim)

75 ARAB SCHOOLMASTERS and education inspectors from Gaza and North Sinai yesterday began a one-week Education Ministry refresher course in administration at Haifa. Last week some 110 Gaza teachers finished a five-week summer course in Haifa.



A graphic reminder of Israel's water problems — a fishing boat stranded on the Kinneret's receding shoreline, exposed by the drastic drop in the lake's level this summer. (Bar-Tal)

Mapam worried by 'leftist' infiltration in kibbutzim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam Histadrut leader Aharon Ephraim yesterday voiced the concern of his Kibbutz Artzi movement, at the inroads made into the kibbutzim by the new left-wing lists.

"A vote for the five left-wing lists will in fact only strengthen the right which seeks to destroy the kibbutz," he warned. The left-wing groups he was referring to are Uri Avnari's Meri, Moked, Ya'acov Rivlin's Leftist Union, Shalom Cohen's Democratic Panthers and Rakah-New Communists.

Mr. Ephraim was spearheading his party's drive to bring errant leftist Kibbutz Artzi back into the Mapam fold and retrieve their votes for the Labour-Mapam Alignment. He urged the kibbutzim to encourage their members to campaign for the Alignment among immigrants in their neighbouring development towns.

The legal counsel of one of the new leftist lists, Meri, has protested to the Chairman of the Central Elections Committee, Justice Haim Cohn, that its activists had been prevented from organizing political activities within Kibbutz Artzi settlements. The counsel, Amos Zichron, said the Kibbutz Artzi secretary Shimon Yehonatan had even banned the distribution of election material of any party other than the Alignment.

KOLLEK: SECURITY BUT ECOLOGY TOO

Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem said yesterday that while the Government was naturally concerned with security and defence problems it should also take urban and ecological considerations into account.

He was being questioned by an Israel Radio reporter concerning his call at a Municipal Council session Sunday to incorporate Nebi Samwil within the boundaries of the Capital. His statement to the Council was triggered by the dispute over a new suburb proposed for the northern slope of Nebi Samwil by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan.

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A graphic reminder of Israel's water problems — a fishing boat stranded on the Kinneret's receding shoreline, exposed by the drastic drop in the lake's level this summer. (Bar-Tal)

Renewed tension in Labour Party

DAYAN PROGRAMME CHALLENGED

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some tension has again arisen within the Labour Party as the reported agreement on policy in the territories is challenged by a group of party leaders who object to Defence Minister Dayan's proposed working programme, and especially the proposed urban centre of Yotvata. They are also said to disapprove of the emerging rapprochement between Dayan and Finance Minister Sapir. This is seen as aimed not only against Dayan but against the line on security and foreign affairs associated with Premier Golda Meir and Minister Galili.

While Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin was not available for comment last night, sources close to the Secretariat re-emphasized his optimism as to the final outcome of the discussions. Mr. Yadin was reported to be basing this on the fact that none of the party's proposed platform deviates from the Party platform. Moreover he was convinced that differences of opinion between the main protagonists were not that deep and that with a measure of goodwill and patience, common ground could

be found enabling the Prime Minister to produce a formula acceptable to all elements.

Sources close to Mr. Dayan last night emphasized to this reporter that the Minister's proposals were "absolutely minimal." They had been reduced to four main points on which he insisted: development projects (including a refugee rehabilitation programme), Yamit, government-controlled land sales to Jews beyond the Green Line, and the enlargement of Jerusalem. These sources pointed out how far the minister had gone in the cause of party unity, and emphasized that he would be unable to stand for the Knesset unless there was a minimum working programme for the territories in the next four years.

SECOND THOUGHTS

Second thoughts by Mr. Sapir and a hard line by Deputy Premier Yigal Alon were reportedly the cause of the sudden postponement until Friday of a final summit session of the top-level forum of Labour Party leaders. Over the weekend it had seemed as if previous disagreements were being ironed out, especially between Mr. Sapir and Mr. Dayan, but when a small group of ministers met Sunday afternoon at Mr. Meir's residence in Jerusalem, it was apparent that the strong reservations of Mr. Alon in particular would postpone the desired consensus. What has taken on particular significance is the remark by Foreign Minister Abba Eban on Friday to leaders of the Party's Youth Division about "the close coordination of views in this discussion between Sapir, Alon, Bar-Lev and myself."

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French still to name ambassador to Israel

By JACK MAURICE

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French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert appears to be in no hurry to appoint a successor to M. Francis Hure, France's Ambassador to Israel whose term of duty ended in July.

Diplomatic sources here say the delay in naming a new French envoy is not prompted by any new chill in relations between France and Israel. The appointment of a new ambassador to Israel is one of many dossiers which are piling up in the personnel department of the Quai d'Orsay awaiting a decision by M. Jobert.

The new French Foreign Minister is an enthusiastic traveller — he has visited North Africa, the U.S. and Scandinavia since he succeeded Maurice Schumann in April — but he was a marked distaste for desk work.

M. Jobert is also reluctant to delegate decisions to aides. This idiosyncrasy, coupled with the slow pace of official work in Paris during August, apparently explains why the new ambassador to Israel has not yet been named.

However, the diplomatic gap has now been filled in Amman where the Jordanian government Monday gave its approval for the appointment of M. Jacques de Polin to succeed M. Jean-Marie Merillon as French ambassador.

M. de Polin, who is 53, began his career as a naval officer. He joined the foreign service after World War Two and his posts have included London, Saigon and the Council of Europe headquarters in Strasbourg.

3 road deaths

Three persons were killed and seven more were seriously injured in three road accidents over the past two days.

Yehoshua Simani, 25, of Jerusalem was killed yesterday afternoon when the car he was driving overturned near Moshav Shoshon on the Jerusalem road. Three passengers in the car were seriously hurt and were taken to Hadassah Hospital.

In another accident yesterday, a 17-year-old girl was killed and her two companions were seriously injured when they were struck by a bus while walking along the Petah Tikva-Rosh Ha'ayin road. Hana Tikva-Rosh, 17, was killed when she was struck by a car near Petah Tikva. She was killed instantly and her two companions, Yotvata Alkivi and Rivka Yamini, both aged 17 and also from Moshav Hagor, were seriously hurt. The driver of the car was held for questioning.

On Sunday, an 11-year-old boy Abd El Halek Jirad of the Jabalya quarter in Gaza, was killed when the car he was travelling in was struck by a car near Gaza. The boy's father, Yunis, aged 40, and his five-year-old sister, Aman, who were also in the car, were seriously hurt. The driver of the car, from West Jerusalem, was held for questioning. (Itim)

Mexican Minister here

Jerusalem Post Staff

LOD AIRPORT. — The Mexican Minister for Water Resources, Mr. Leandro Rovirosa Wade, arrived last night for a 10-day visit as guest of the Government. He is accompanied by five senior Ministry officials, all water and irrigation experts, and by his wife and two daughters.

Mr. Wade said at the airport he was chiefly interested in studying how Israel irrigates arid zones with water resources from other, more distant, regions. This is one of Mexico's chief problems in its agricultural development, he explained.

ROBBERY IN THE HEART OF SINAI

A HIKER DESCRIBES THE START OF YESTERDAY'S CHASE

By Margalith Schlesinger

Special to the Jerusalem Post

As members of a group organized by the Society of Nature

Protection, we spent a peaceful hiking weekend in the heart of Sinai. The huge mountains and desolation of the desert, the slow-moving camels and the bright sun lulled us all in a sense of well-being and security, enjoying life and timeless hours.

We were guests of the Field Service School at Mahane David at the foot of Jebel Musa. We woke up to a wonderful Sunday morning and found to our surprise a big shining limousine in the midst of the compound and two young people fast asleep in the back seat. It was early but the heat started to come up. On my way to waterpots I had to pass the car and I noticed that all the windows were tightly closed.

Concerned for the well-being of these peacefully sleeping youngsters, I opened the front door, rolled down the pane and banged the door shut which apparently did not disturb the healthy sleep of youth. Later I learned from other members of the group that two more youngsters were in the car who spent the night in one of the empty tents.

We all were surprised that a lone private group would roam the desert and the rough roads in such a wonderful car. Someone knew that they were Israelis; but soon the general talk about these newcomers, who apparently had a healthy sleep, died down and we started on our morning hike prior to return for home.

We left camp at seven in the morning for our last hike in the vicinity and returned to gather our bags and belongings which we had left on the beds in our tents, as is the fashion when one feels safe and secure. It was time to board the bus which would take us back to the airport, when one member of the group noticed that his binoculars were missing.

A closer check of our luggage revealed missing passports among the foreign tourists in the group, the disappearance of foreign currency and four sleeping bags from one of the tents, which are the property of the Field Service School.

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Sapir: Tax limit should drop to 65%

ASHDOD. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said here yesterday that the next Knesset should consider a further reduction of income tax so as to reduce the ceiling from 70 to 65 per cent, including the compulsory loan.

Speaking to port workers during a visit here, Mr. Sapir added, "But we have to correct the distortions by which no tax is paid for professional literature, telephone and car expenses."

A spokesman for the works committee told the Minister that because of the existing tax structure, port workers did not find it worthwhile to work more than 21 days a month. Mr. Sapir replied that everybody was paying less income tax than before, and that 50,000 workers in the country were now paying no tax at all.

Police chief says phone tapping is a necessity

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Inspector-General of Police, Rav-Nitzan Shaul Rosolio, came out squarely in favour of telephone tapping by the police, subject to the restrictions of law. "If society recognizes that it must resort to electronic eavesdropping to protect itself against traitors and spies, it must also put such means at the disposal of the police to protect the public against the underworld."

Mr. Rosolio was speaking at a reception given for him and senior officers of the force by the mayor and City Council at the Town Hall yesterday.

He said that "crime is getting more sophisticated, and combatting it must keep pace. With simple technical means one can listen to the wavelength of the police transmitter. But wire tapping involves the individual's right to privacy and the Knesset should enact a law protecting the individual against abuse."

Asked about the public's aversion to tapping by the police or in court, a reaction that hampered the police in its work, Mr. Rosolio said this attitude resulted in a loss of time. "But then it must be borne in mind that administering justice is by nature a slow process, with investigations, examinations and cross-examinations consuming time. We need more administrative efficiency, in the police as well, but summary trials are alien to our concepts."

Yiddish Theatre collection to Jerusalem

What may be the world's largest collection of manuscripts and recordings from the Yiddish theatre has arrived in Israel from the U.S. and will be housed at the Museum of Jewish Art in Jerusalem.

The collection was made by one of the foremost historians of the Yiddish theatre, Zalman Zilbercweig, who died in Los Angeles last year. It contains thousands of rare recordings and manuscripts from the Yiddish theatre.

Tourism Minister Moshe Kool was one of the prime movers behind the transfer of the collection, and El Al general manager, Mordechai Ben-Ari, assisted in transporting the 80 crates containing the collection to Israel.

New Zealand young cricketers due next April

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel will have a rare visit from New Zealand sportsmen, when that country's youth cricket team comes here early next April.

The New Zealanders, who will be on a Middle East tour, will play one or two matches against local sides, Israel Cricket Association Chairman Ivan Kantor told The Jerusalem Post this week.

The main feature of Israel's 1974 cricket season will be an official tour to England in August. The team will play some dozen fixtures during a three-week visit. This will be Israel's second overseas cricket tour, the first in 1970 having also been to England.

It was organized in conjunction with the Israel Cricket Supporters Association in the U.K.

Also under discussion is a tour here within the next two years by an American team, Mr. Kantor reported. U.S. Cricket Association President John Marder, who was manager-coach of America's Ninth Maccabiah Cricket team, plans to bring over a side consisting of established players of English minor county standard, many of them cricketers from British Commonwealth countries living in the U.S.

boy's pockets.

The youth, from the Al Amar refugee camp outside Ramallah, had walked into the clothing shop and started buying a shirt, trousers and jacket. When time to pay came he simply pulled out a wad of bills and

gave half of them to the shopkeeper. The latter called police, who arrested the big spender and returned the money to an American tourist at East Jerusalem's Savoy Hotel who had reported it stolen a few hours earlier.

(Itim)

'Balancing out' doves, influential group in Labour stresses settlement in areas

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Political Editor

TEL AVIV. — The influential Etgar ideological circle of the Labour party has called for an all-out effort to establish Jewish settlements in Judea, the Ramat Approach and Merhavy Shilomo (Southern Sinai). This is one of its recommendations to the party on the eve of Labour's discussions of the 1973 election platform. The Etgar (challenge) circle holds that "the government must give top priority to strategic security interests when invoking the Jewish people's inalienable right to settle in all parts of the Land of Israel."

Etgar includes senior executives in public and private enterprises, as well as some prominent university professors, but its leading personalities are such former high-ranking army and police officers as Aluf (Res.) Yosef Geva, Aluf (Res.) Yacov Peri, former Police Inspector-General Pinhas Koppel, former Border Police chief Yisroel Shadmi, and Aluf-Mishne (Res.) Yosef Nevo, chairman and driving spirit of this ideological circle.

Messrs. Yarov, Shadmi and Nevo were delegated to draft the circle's recommendations to the national party forums. They did so after a debate on foreign and security affairs opened by Minister-without-Portfolio Yisroel Galili.

Mr. Nevo, who is mayor of Herzliya and a former military commander of Jerusalem, told this reporter Etgar's recommendations

came to balance the notion that all of the ex-Mapai element in Labour is dominated by ultra-dovish views.

Following are some of Etgar's policy positions: Labour should continue to actively strive for peace; Labour should reaffirm its 1969 platform in respect of policy in the territories plus the Dayan "oral doctrine"; the stand that "Israeli troops do not budge before the signing of an overall peace treaty" is reaffirmed, with the exception of a partial agreement at the Suez Canal; while objecting to "annexing territories" as long as all possibilities of peace have not been exhausted, Etgar stresses the inalienable right of the Jewish people to settle in all parts of the homeland... to be implemented in keeping with national security interests.

BEN-AHARON, ELIAV

As Mayor Nevo explains: "Our consensus highlights our rejection, on the one hand, of the demand by Yitzhak Ben-Aharon for unilateral withdrawal and, on the other, of the underlying philosophy of Lyova (Arye Eliav MK)." Developing this theme, Mr. Nevo said: "Mapai always managed to draw the widest possible support because it represented the centre plus the left. Will we continue Mapai's historical path or are we going to be pulled to the left? I believe that in the end the Labour party will choose to continue in the traditional path of Mapai."

He believes that this focal issue has its ramifications in all other

policies, including social welfare.

As to Mr. Eliav, he said: "In my opinion, above and beyond my personal liking for Lyova, I think that something rather dangerous has happened in a reaction with his programme of which he is not aware. I am

Gray: Warning to Nixon 'sufficient'

WASHINGTON. — Former Acting FBI Director Patrick Gray said yesterday he thinks he gave President Nixon sufficient warning last year for him to know that improper and illegal things were being done by his staff members.

Gray called President Nixon on July 6, 1972, less than three weeks after the Watergate break-in, and told him that men on his staff were trying to wound him by using the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency to confuse investigators trying to interview two key witnesses, he said.

"Do you think a reasonable and prudent man, on the basis of the

warning you gave him at that time, would have been alerted to the fact that his staff was engaged in some thing that was improper, unlawful, illegal?" asked Sen. Herman Talmadge, D-Ga.

"I do," Gray said.

Testifying before the Senate Watergate committee, Gray contradicted a public statement by President Nixon on April 30 in which the President said he had taken over the Watergate investigation and had personally ordered federal investigators to get all the facts to him. Gray said he received no such order from the President or anyone else.

The Acting FBI Director resigned after it was disclosed he had destroyed documents taken from the White House safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

He said that after the June 17 break-in at the National Democratic headquarters, he received a call from presidential aide John Ehrlichman saying White House counsel John Dean would be handling the investigation for the White House.

Gray testified that Dean who was fired from his job falsely assured him last year that he was relaying information about the FBI's Watergate investigation directly to the President.

"I specifically asked John, are you reporting directly to the President or through Mr. Haldeman and Mr. Ehrlichman?" and he told me, "directly to the President," Gray said.

However, Dean has testified that he spoke directly to Nixon only once about Watergate last year, on September 15.

Sen. Talmadge said on Sunday that the only testimony so far which indicates Mr. Nixon are accounts of Dean and of Lt.-Gen. Vernon A. Walters, Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

(AP, Reuters)



Patrick Gray, former acting chief of the FBI, shown shortly before he resigned in April this year. (UPI)

'Political murder squads' aired in Florida case

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP). — The U.S. Government's key witness in the trial of eight anti-war activists testified yesterday that one defendant talked in late 1971 of "political assassination squads" in training at a Florida ranch.

William Lemmer, a former member of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War and an FBI informer, said that Scott Camil, then Florida State Coordinator for the anti-war group, mentioned the squads during discussions at a VVAW national meeting in Kansas City during November 1971.

"They were being put together in case they were needed," said Lemmer. "There were no specific targets of the squad mentioned. They were just to be formulated in case they were needed."

Eight members of the VVAW are on trial in Federal Court here on charges of attempting to cause disruptions during last year's Republican national convention on Miami Beach.

Lemmer said Camil referred to the project as "Phoenix Two." A former member of the army special forces, Lemmer said his military training had exposed him to the Phoenix project run by the CIA in Vietnam.

"It was the assassination or simple elimination of persons who were assumed to be, or reported to be, or alleged to be, Communist cadres in that portion of Vietnam that is called South Vietnam," he said.

CHINA. — Some 250 Japanese youths will be on board when the first Japanese passenger ship to visit China since World War II sails for Shanghai next month. The ship, the government-chartered Brazil Maru, will inaugurate what is planned as an exchange visit.

Sympathy in SPD for Mozambique guerrillas

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — West Germany's ruling Democratic Party (SPD) paved the way yesterday for possible later recognition of Frelimo, the African guerrilla movement in Portuguese Mozambique, as the legitimate government of the population there.

Hans Juergen Wisniewski, SPD Executive member, said that "Frelimo is a discussion partner for us. There is no other. Frelimo can speak for large parts of the population (in Mozambique) and enjoys their sympathy."

He called on Nato to stop all weapons deliveries to Portugal on grounds the arms could be used by Portuguese troops against the native populations in Portugal's overseas colonies.

Mr. Wisniewski spoke at a joint press conference with Frelimo Vice-President Marcelino Dossantos, who arrived here last week at invitation of the German party to discuss reports of massacres by Portuguese soldiers in Mozambique, and humanitarian and political aid for Frelimo.

Mr. Dossantos said at the press conference that he had outlined in detail to the SPD Frelimo's claims that it controls large parts of Mozambique including 1.2 million persons.

Mr. Wisniewski avoided specifically recognizing Frelimo as the legitimate representative of Mozambique but he made clear that the SPD's sympathies are 100 per cent with the guerrillas.

Wisniewski's unequivocal support for Frelimo could signal a major move within the SPD to give greater support to the independence movements among the third world peoples, and points to the growing strength of the party's left wing. But his statements did not have the full approval of the Bonn Foreign Ministry which is concerned about worsening relations with Nato partner Portugal.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Bonn would not call officially for a Nato ban on arms shipments to Portugal, but would leave this up to the Atlantic Alliance.

(AP, Reuters)

Amin blasts Britain at C'wealth conference

OTTAWA (Reuters). — Uganda's Foreign Minister Paul E. Busingye, yesterday read into the Commonwealth summit conference record a scathing attack on Britain's policies made by his President Idi Amin, conference sources said.

Mr. Busingye read the hour-long speech which President Amin would have made last Friday had he come to Ottawa for the conference. In the speech the President said Britain's behaviour in international affairs called into question the future of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Busingye did not make any additions of his own to the President's speech which renewed pledges that compensation would be paid to the estimated 40,000 Asians he expelled from Uganda last year. He also said that he would not let the British assets which Uganda later nationalized.

Anglo-Ugandan relations were severely strained when some 30,000 of the expelled Asians who had British passports came to settle in Britain.

British Prime Minister Edward Heath told the meeting he would reserve a detailed reply to President Amin's speech until later in the conference. But he could not let the occasion pass without saying that the expulsions and the expropriation of Asian assets were inhuman, the sources said.

One delegate later said of Amin's speech, "It is certainly one of the rudest I have ever read."

Malnutrition. — Almost one million children die in India every year from severe malnutrition, Deputy Minister for Education and Social Welfare Arvind Netam told Parliament yesterday.



Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin, right, shakes hands with Iranian Foreign Minister Amir Abbas Hoveida, at the start of their talks in Moscow yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Iranian F.M. in Moscow

MOSCOW. — Prime Minister Amir Abbas Hoveida of Iran arrived in Moscow yesterday for an official visit. Mr. Hoveida's visit came at a time of growing confrontation between Iran and Iraq, a Soviet ally, supplied with arms and diplomatic support from Moscow.

The Communist Party paper "Pravda" heralded Mr. Hoveida's visit with a front-page photograph and biography of the Iranian chief of government.

Immediately after his arrival Mr. Hoveida met Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin for the first of his talks with Soviet leaders but Iranian officials were unable to confirm when Mr. Hoveida would meet Soviet Party leader Leonid Brezhnev. Iranian officials said Mr. Hoveida had come for a six-day rest period in the Soviet Union but would re-leave Moscow until today before proceeding to one of the Baltic Coast resorts.

On the surface, relations between Iran and the Soviet Union are good. The Soviet Union receives gas from an Iranian pipeline which crosses the border into Soviet Azerbaijan and has provided aid for the building of a steel mill at Isfahan as well as other developments.

But the Soviet Union is perturbed at the rapid arms build-up announced by the Shah which is aimed at converting Iran into the biggest military power in the Persian Gulf and Middle East. The Shah and Iranian officials have for some time been voicing fears over Russian encroachment in the Middle East and Asia.

(Reuters, AP)

Portisch takes chess lead

PETROPOLIS, Brazil (AP). — Lajos Portisch of Hungary beat Israel's Simon Kagan in the completion of their suspended match, moving to the lead of the standings in the world international chess tournament here on Sunday.

Portisch advanced to the lead after Yugoslavia's Ljubomir Luboevich suffered an upset defeat to Samuel Reshevsky of the U.S. in 43 moves on Saturday night. Both Luboevich and Portisch now share the lead, with 6.5 points each from nine rounds.

Kagan lost his second adjourned game to Reshevsky and now shares the last place in the table of 18 players. Sunday was a session of suspended games. The 10th round was scheduled yesterday.

Standings after nine rounds of play:

1. Luboevich, Yugoslavia, and Portisch, Hungary, 6.5 points; 2. Mecking, Brazil, Geller and Polugaevski, Russia, 6; 3. Bronstein, Russia, 5.5; 4. Panno, Argentina, Ivkov, Yugoslavia, Smyslov, Russia, and Hort, Czechoslovakia, 5; 5. Reshevsky, U.S., one match suspended; 6. Gheorghiu, Rumania, and Bylassa, Canada, 3.5; 7. Keres, Russia, 2.5; 8. Tan, Singapore, 2; 9. Kagan, Israel, and Kling, Swiss, 1.5 and a match suspended each.

Lebanon opens enigrants congress

BEIRUT (Reuters). — President Suleiman Franjeh last night opened the 6th World Conference of Lebanese Emigrants at Bekkaidin Palace, about 38 km. southeast of Beirut.

Several thousand emigrants from various parts of the world, especially Latin America and Africa, arrived here for the conference, which is organized by the World Lebanese Cultural Union (WLCU).

Salvador Dali going to China

BARCELONA (AP). — Surrealist painter Salvador Dali said yesterday he has accepted an invitation to visit China. Spain and China recently established diplomatic relations.

Dali said he had sent "my latest illustrations of the Red Book in combination with the faces of Mao and Marilyn Monroe" to chairman Mao Tse-tung, via Spain's new ambassador to Peking.

The painter told the Barcelona newspaper "Tele-expres": "I am sure Mao himself is a member of Opus Dei (God's Work, the Roman Catholic lay organization). Don't forget that the Chinese revolution was a revolution of peasants and above all of the extreme right."

MISS NUDE WORLD

Only in shoes and teeth braces

FREELTON, Ontario (AP). — Dee Dee Nolet, an 18-year-old clerk typist from San Bernardino, California, has won the Miss Nude World contest here.

Wearing nothing but high-heeled shoes and braces on her teeth, Miss Nolet picked up the title in her second attempt. She entered last year but didn't place.

Cheryl Escarra of Pittsburgh was second and Nadia Bottai of Collingwood, Ontario, who won the Miss Nude Ontario contest last month, placed third. There were 32 contestants.

Protest to Soviets by Chief Rabbi's wife in London

LONDON (INA). — A two-hour "one-woman" vigil was held outside the Soviet Embassy here yesterday to protest the suicide of a young Jewish woman doctor in the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan.

Mrs. Amalia Jakobovits, wife of Chief Rabbi Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, carried a banner in her two-hour protest which read "USSR, your anti-Semitism killed this woman, don't let it kill the Goldsteins in Tbilisi."

The suicide, Dr. Olga Kestelman, killed herself after being dismissed from her work, together with several other Jewish doctors. None of them had applied for an exit visa to Israel.

Mrs. Jakobovits also carried a letter to the Soviet Ambassador, which said Josef and Gregori Goldstein, two brothers charged with "defaming the Soviet State," are "threatened with a show trial by the KGB."

The Goldsteins, both scientists who have applied for an exit visa to go to Israel, were freed by police last April after being jailed for three days. They were confined to the city limits of Tbilisi.

Waldheim, Ismail hold separate talks in Rumania

VIENNA. — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim yesterday began official talks in Bucharest with Rumanian Foreign Minister George Marinescu. At about the same time, Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu had a second meeting with Egypt's Mohammed Hafiz Ismail.

There was no indication that Dr. Waldheim would also meet Ismail who is President Sadat's National Security Adviser.

Dr. Waldheim's announced plans for a visit to the Middle East at the end of August or the beginning of September include a one-day visit to Lebanon on August 28, the Beirut newspaper, "Al-Nahar," said yesterday. Waldheim is scheduled to visit Israel, Egypt and Jordan.

His arrival in Bucharest yesterday marks the end of a tour of East European countries. The official Rumanian News Agency Agencepres reported on the Waldheim-Macoveanu meeting that the talks covered international issues, the enhanced role of the U.N. in maintaining international peace and security, and problems related to Rumania's active contribution in these domains.

Agencepres said they "tackled problems of common interest for the two countries and peoples." The two men had their first meeting on Sunday.

(AP, UPI)

Crew of tanker leaking petrol are rescued

MILFORD HAVEN, Wales (AP). — The 38 crewmen of the stranded Liberian tanker Dona Marika were rescued yesterday. Five hundred villagers returned to their homes as fears of a major explosion receded.

The 11,500-ton tanker ran aground on Sunday on rocks near the entrance to Milford Haven harbour after taking on 5,000 tons of light oil fuel. A force eight gale hampered rescue work.

Fuel was still leaking from a gash about five metres long in her side. Some salvage experts thought it might be days or even weeks before the vessel could be moved.

"The air is simply thick with fumes," a coastguard official said, after the crew had been hauled to safety up the cliffs. Two crewmen were treated and released at a local hospital.

The crew is made up of Pakistani seamen under Greek officers. They told their rescuers that their biggest fear was that the vessel might blow up. Families in the tiny Welsh village of St. Ishmaels were evacuated on Sunday night. They were allowed to return yesterday.

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NEW YORK (Reuters). — President Nixon's popularity among the nation's leading businessmen — traditionally strong Republican supporters — has been reduced considerably by the Watergate scandal, "The New York Times" reported yesterday.

This conclusion was drawn from the results of a "Times" poll of the presidents of the 1,453 companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange, probably the most representative list of big business in the U.S. The paper received 780 replies, or 52 per cent — considered a highly reliable sampling, by pollsters.

The survey also indicated that Nixon would get considerably less financial support if an election were held today, although the "Times" said a quantitative dollar loss could not be projected.

A strong majority — 67 per cent — said they would still vote for the President today, but this was down sharply from the 90 per cent

who said they actually voted for him in the last election. The poll showed that 31 per cent of those who gave to the President's election campaign last year would not do so now.

The poll also indicated that a majority of the nation's business executives feel Watergate is having an effect on the economy.

Some 53 per cent said they thought Watergate had raised doubts in their minds about the Administration's ability to effectively handle the economy, and 60 per cent thought the economy might have been handled differently if Watergate had not happened. Of those polled, 66 per cent said they were opposed to the measures the Administration has adopted to fight inflation.

Many of the business executives who wrote in comments indicated they thought the public Watergate investigation had damaged public confidence and reduced the nation's prestige abroad.



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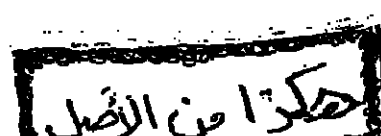
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IN ADVANCE OF PARTY CONGRESS

Mao removes pro-Soviet men

By K.G. THALER

LONDON (UPI). — The regime of Mao Tse-tung appears to have routed the pro-Soviet forces which have opposed the progressive reconciliation with the U.S. according to diplomatic dispatches from Peking yesterday.

They coincided with reports that preparations are in full swing for the long-delayed 10th Communist Party Congress which is to determine the vital issue of the succession to Mao and to replenish the depleted Politbureau.

British press reports yesterday cited the expulsions of loud-speakers and the clearing of hotels for delegates among the outward signs that the Congress, the first since 1969, is about to begin. They also mentioned, among the

latest indications, the postponement of the visit of U.S. presidential adviser Dr. Henry Kissinger and of other visitors.

The regime has reportedly been quietly removing in recent months prominent pro-Soviet elements from the main political and administrative centres in readiness for the Congress.

These pro-Soviet elements or factions have been worrying the regime in the sphere of internal affairs and, above all, because of their attempts to swing Peking back toward a more pro-Soviet policy and a go-along in the current rapprochement with Washington.

Mao evidently did not want to risk an open clash with them at a full-dress party Congress. This problem now appears

to have been more or less eliminated.

The Congress itself will have to approve a new constitution, elect a new Politbureau which has been badly depleted and whose membership is over-aged. But above all, it should tackle the delicate question of the succession to Mao.

Two key names have first to be formally eliminated by the Congress: that of President Liu Shao-chi, long routed and decried in the official propaganda as liar and swindler, and of Defence Minister Lin Biao, once named as heir to Mao, but killed in an air crash, allegedly while trying to flee to Russia. And of the Politbureau's 21 full members, eight have to be elected to fill existing vacancies.

Hiroshima marks A-bomb anniversary

HIROSHIMA (Reuter). — Hiroshima, the first city to be atom-bombed, commemorated the 28th anniversary of the event yesterday with a call from Mayor Setsuo Yamada for a worldwide citizens' movement to promote the speedy destruction of nuclear weapons.

The mayor said it was anachronistic for France, now conducting

tests in disregard of world opinion, and for the U.S., the Soviet Union and China to justify such tests in the interests of their own safety. The testing represented "a criminal act against all mankind," he added.

Along with representatives from Nagasaki, the second Japanese city destroyed by an atom-bomb three days later in 1945, the people of Hiroshima held a minute of silence in memory of the victims at the precise moment the fireball erupted over the city. Officials added the names of 2,850 newly-condemned victims to a marble cenotaph in the city's Peace Park, bringing the official death toll to 82,843.

Hiroshima claims the actual toll was closer to 200,000 and continues year-round efforts to establish the whereabouts of all its citizens on August 6, 1945, and discover whether they survived the holocaust.

The Welfare Ministry estimates that in addition to the dead some 340,000 people are still suffering from lingering illnesses, caused by bomb fallout.

New Zealand reported that its official protest patrol off the French nuclear test site in the South Pacific ended yesterday when the frigate Canterbury headed for home. The Canterbury took over the patrol from another New Zealand frigate, the Ottago, nearly a fortnight ago.

40 Japanese drowned on hot day

TOKYO (Reuter). — Millions of Japanese sought relief from summer heat at beaches around the nation on Sunday — and at least 40 of them drowned, police reported yesterday. The police also reported three deaths from lightning during a heavy thunderstorm that hit central Japan during the night.

But at the opposite extreme, a prolonged drought — worst in almost four decades — in the southern island of Shikoku has forced the shutdown of restaurants, coffee shops and public bath houses due to a water shortage.

In the city of Takamatsu, water supply has been reduced to three hours a day and officials warned it would have to be totally suspended if no rain comes by the middle of the month.

Former Cuban dictator, Batista, dies at 72

MARBELLA, Spain. — Former Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista suffered a heart attack early yesterday and died in a Marbella hotel on Spain's sun coast. He was 72. He will be buried in Madrid.

Batista, who has lived in exile in Portugal since he was overthrown in 1959 by Fidel Castro, arrived in Marbella on Sunday to begin a summer vacation with his family.

Radio Havana mentioned the death briefly in an early-morning newscast, then later added a more complete report on Batista's career in which it charged he had "a considerable list of crimes to his credit." The Cuban Embassy in Madrid had no official comment.

Batista, a former army sergeant, began his rise to power in 1933, when he headed a military revolt against provisional President Carlos Manuel de Céspedes.

After a puppet president was installed, Batista was elected Cuba's chief of state in 1940. He laid down a new constitution and ruled for four years.

After a series of presidential administrations, he organized another coup d'état to get back in power and had a second term of office from 1952 to 1954. He took over the presidency for the third and last time in 1956.

Batista was finally ousted on New Year's Eve 1958. He fled his Caribbean island only hours before Fidel Castro and his revolutionaries marched into Havana after waging guerrilla warfare in the island's mountains.

In a rare public statement, Batista



FULGENCIO BATISTA

he showed bitterness over the U.S. failure to mount a successful invasion of Cuba to oust Castro. He was referring to the abortive 1961 Bay of Pigs landing by Cuban exiles with American backing.

On his overthrow, Batista first came to Spain and lived in an apartment on one of Madrid's main boulevards. He frequently holidayed on the Mediterranean coast and about five years ago took up residence in Estoril, a seaside resort near Lisbon in neighbouring Portugal.

He had about six household servants, including two chauffeurs, and was often seen at high society receptions. (AP, Reuter)

Czechs in Davis Cup semis

CZECHOSLOVAKIA yesterday swept to the Davis Cup semi-finals to be played in Australia in November, as Jiri Hrebec took all three sets against Italy's Corrado Barazzutti in the fourth match of the tournament in Prague.

Hrebec scored 6-7, 6-1 and 6-4. In North Little Rock, Ark., Stan Smith and Erik Van Dillen, down by two sets opening play, yesterday swept three sets against Chile's doubles team to clinch the American zone final of the Davis Cup for the U.S.

The U.S., holding a 3-0 lead with two singles matches yet to be played, will meet Rumania later this month.

The match on Sunday was postponed by darkness during the fourth set.

Chile's Jaime Fillol and Pat Cornejo won the first set 6-7 and the marathon second set — which took three hours and 45 minutes — 39-37, the longest set in Davis Cup history. But the U.S. team of Stan Smith and Erik Van Dillen won the third set 6-4 and was leading in the fourth 5-1.

The U.S. won the first two singles matches and leads 2-0. Rumania swept both final-day singles in Bucharest on Sunday to defeat the Soviet Union 3-2 in the Davis Cup final of European Zone "A." Rumania will meet the winner of the U.S.-Chile match in inter-zonal semi-finals later this month.

Sunday's matches were bitterly contested by players, spectators, lineamen, captains and the harried Italian referee. But at the end Rumanian star Ilie Nastase won in three sets over Alex Metreveli, 6-0, 6-2, 6-4, and Toma Ovici swept three sets from Telnur Kukulica, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.

In Louisville, Kentucky, fourth-seeded Manuel Orantes of Spain, going to the net and using his drop shot well, outlasted No. 6 seed John Newcombe of Australia 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Sunday and won the singles title in the \$75,000 pro tennis classic. Orantes won \$11,000 for his win while Newcombe took home \$6,600.

BASEBALL. ROBERTO Clemente, the late Pittsburgh Pirate star, and Warren Spahn, who won more games than any other left-handed pitcher, were formally inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame along with four others.

Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn unveiled their plaques in ceremonies which were held in Cooperstown, New York, the village where tradition says baseball was founded more than 100 years ago by Abner Doubleday.

Oldtime players George "High-pockets" Kelly, a first baseman with the New York Giants in the 1920s, and the late Mickey Welch, who won 308 games before the turn of the century, also were inducted along with Monte Irvin, a slugger in both the Negro and Major Leagues, and the late Billy Evans, former American League umpire and baseball executive.

ATHLETICS. U.S. beat Africa in their two-day athletics match which ended in Dakar Sunday, but the Africans could feel well satisfied with their share of the spoils. The U.S. won the men's match by 111 points to 101 while their women were 90-45 winners.

The Africans placed one-two in the 800, 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 metre races. The only slip-up in the distance monogamy came in the 10,000 metre race when the U.S. runner, who was considered their strongest, was out of the race in the 3,000-metre steeplechase. World record holder Ben

motor racing. JACKIE Stewart of Scotland shot his blue Tyrrell Ford into the lead from the pole position and then held it safe in a dull and monotonous race to win the 35th German Grand Prix in Nuerburgring.

The 24-year-old Scot chalked up his fifth Formula One victory of the season in a record time of 1:42.03 hours for the 319.7 kilometres and took a commanding grip on the world championship.

Francis Cerver of France, also driving a Tyrrell Ford, chugged Stewart throughout the 14 laps of the twisting and hilly course for second place. Jackie Ickx of Belgium was third in a McLaren Ford, 25 seconds behind.

GOLF. BOBBY Nichols, who hadn't won a tournament in three years, made a dramatic eagle on the 72nd hole to tie Bob Murphy, then birdied the first hole of the sudden-death playoff Sunday to win the \$250,000 event — the 3,000-metre steeplechase. World record holder Ben

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Japanese P.M. to Moscow in autumn

TOKYO (AP). — Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, just back from summit talks with President Nixon in the U.S., will visit the Soviet Union in early October at the invitation of the Soviet Government, the Foreign Ministry here said yesterday.

The visit will be the first to the Soviet Union by a Japanese Prime Minister since 1956, when then Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama visited Moscow for talks on the normalization of Japan-Soviet relations.

Mr. Tanaka, accompanied by Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira, will meet Leonid Brezhnev, Secretary-General of the Communist Party, on October 8-9, after visiting Britain, France and West Germany, the ministry said.

ISLANDS CLAIM. Mr. Brezhnev and Mr. Tanaka are expected to discuss Japan's claim on four islands off Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, which were seized by the Soviet Union after World War II, and the joint development of Siberian resources by Japan and the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union views the island question as closed, but Japan insists it must have the islands back before it can conclude a World War II peace treaty with the Russians — a treaty Moscow wants.

On another subject, Foreign Minister Ohira said he felt impatient over the delay in the conclusion of a civil aviation agreement with Communist China. He expressed hopes that formal negotiations could begin by September at the latest.

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Indonesians kill man in anti-Chinese riot

JAKARTA (AP). — Hundreds of Indonesians, inflamed by the beating of an Indonesian by a Chinese, chopped one Chinese to death and seriously injured 23 others in a rampage on Sunday in the West Java capital of Bandung.

The angry mob ransacked 914 shops and set fire to 192 motor cycles and 138 cars. Another 32 Chinese suffered light injuries, said Bandung Police Chief Brig-Gen. Goerbada.

The riot began late Sunday afternoon and flickering flames from burning vehicles still were seen early yesterday morning.

After the situation was brought under control, about 150 Indonesians had been detained, including two air force men and three former members of the militant high school students organization Kap. Goerbada said most of those arrested were itinerants and jobless persons.

Armed soldiers and police patrolled Chinese areas and shopping centres yesterday.

The riot began after a Chinese, identified as Tan Tiong-hoat, beat up an Indonesian horse cart driver, identified as Asap Tosin. Tosin allegedly had bumped Tan's cart with his cart. Tosin was hospitalized with bruises. Indonesians who saw the incident attacked the Chinese, who escaped into a police station.

In 1963 in Bandung, thousands of Chinese shops were burned and ransacked by Indonesians claiming that the Chinese received favoured treatment in universities.

Top military figures and city officials met yesterday to discuss urgent steps to prevent the new anti-Chinese riot from spreading to other areas.

His parents murdered

Two-year-old shot in Ulster violence

BELFAST (UPI). — Murder squad detectives yesterday waited at the hospital bed of a two-year-old boy in the search for the killers of his parents.

A gunman shot and killed Roman Catholic farmer Francis Mullin, 59, and his wife Bernadette, 38, in their farmhouse home at Moy, 48 km. west of Belfast early yesterday.

Their two-year-old son was seriously wounded in the leg. Police said he had apparently been lying

wounded for an hour, before his 17-year-old brother Adrian found him and reported the crime.

Detectives were seeking a motive for the killing of the couple, who were not believed to be connected to any organization.

Police said it was not yet known whether the killings were connected to Ulster's political violence. Not including these deaths, 855 persons have died in four years of this violence.

Army bomb experts yesterday blew up a 272 kg. booby-trapped bomb found hidden on a roadside near Toome, 35 km. northwest of Belfast, an army spokesman said.

Despite precautions the bomb blasted a three-metre crater in the road and shattered windows in nearby houses. No one was injured, the spokesman said.

New Afghan regime rewards military

KABUL (AP). — Sergeants and officers of the Afghan Army have been rewarded for their backing of the new republican regime in Afghanistan.

In an official announcement on Sunday, the Central Committee of the republic said all sergeants will be promoted to the rank of third lieutenant and all officers, excluding generals, will receive a year's seniority bonus.

The latest Soviet space shot completed a troika of Mars-bound vehicles, joining Mars 4, launched on July 21, and Mars 5, fired on July 25. All the probes are unmanned.

Tass said the Mars 6 mission was to "study the sun's radio emission in one-metre wave length and the characteristics of solar plasma and cosmic rays." It carried French-made equipment for the experiment.

The parameters of the Mars 6 trajectory were "close to the calculated ones," Tass said. This seemed to indicate that subsequent course corrections would be needed to put it on dead aim.

The flight paths of Mars 4 and Mars 5 were altered on July 30 and August 3, Tass revealed in the same dispatch that announced the Mars 6 probe. The first two probes were expected to reach their destination next February.

The general aim of the Soviet experiments was to explore "Mars and its environs." This indicated a new attempt to stage a soft landing on the dusty planet.

If successful, the experiment would increase the Soviet lead in Mars exploration. The Russians were first to make a soft landing on Mars with a capsule from Mars 2 was parachuted to the Martian surface on December 2, 1971. Television cameras carried by the capsule transmitted pictures for only 20 seconds, but radio broadcasts lasted for three days, Soviet scientists reported.

Third Soviet Mars probe on its way

Florida prison inmate stabbed to death in riot

STARKE, Fla. (AP). — Inmates were confined to their cells yesterday at Florida State Prison after fighting on Sunday night left one inmate dead and 10 others injured.

"It's calm and under control. However, throughout the prison they will feed inmates a floor at a time and keep them in their cell blocks for the duration of the day," said Rex Newman, a spokesman for the Florida Division of Corrections.

Newman said two dozen homemade knives were recovered after the prison's riot squad quelled the fighting, which broke out simultaneously in three wings of the north Florida facility.

He estimated that between 150 and 300 of the 954 inmates participated in the melee. Officials speculated that separate attacks on black prisoners by white inmates on Friday and Saturday nights may have touched off the fighting.

Newman said the dead man and four other inmates suffered multiple stab wounds on Sunday night. Another badly injured prisoner was doused with lighter fluid and set afire, he said.

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NOT LIKE LOS ANGELES

JERUSALEM'S Mayor Teddy Kollek on Sunday surprised anyone who was paying attention by saying that the best solution to the dispute over building at Nebi Samwil is for the mosque-crowned hill overlooking the city from a distance of a few kilometres to be annexed to the city and kept open as part of a green belt. The surprise appears to have been considerable, for there has been little official reaction.

Challenged whether he had merely joined the annexationists, Mayor Kollek said no. "That the town-planning powers do not extend to Nebi Samwil. Anybody can make any mistake they like there, as things stand. If it became part of the Jerusalem municipal area, there would be some control over what happens in Nebi Samwil."

In fact Jerusalem has already been expanding in the direction of Nebi Samwil, and current building plans provide for more building roughly in the handsome four-story style of Ramat Eshkol, over the hills and valleys in that direction. About 12,000 people have just recently been housed in the new Sanhedria and, two hills off, cuts can be seen in the hillsides where a new road is going up prior to further building.

There is already some afforestation for parks to break up the housing schemes, mainly in areas that are providentially too steep for building, and in particular the tourists' "Plant a Tree" scheme below Sanhedria. Plant a tree today, and it will remain as a cell in a lung for Jerusalem, once a windy city. There is provision here for about 50,000 new citizens. Nebi Samwil should remain a green belt. Not a manicured park with paths and benches, but an area of vineyards, trees and farm houses, as it is now. It should not be divided up for private housing. Jerusalem should have clearly set limits, with protected green belts before the next town. It should not become one great urban sprawl like Tel

Aviv, or Los Angeles, for that matter.

The private housing scheme has, of course, already been turned down by the government. Finance Minister Sapir argued it would lead to speculation. We have been saddled with land speculation as long as Jewish immigration has existed in this country, because there was never enough room. Extra acreage should, if anything, bring prices down.

Much of the land around Nebi Samwil has already been bought by Israelis, from Arabs in the area some of whom may have emigrated to the U.S., while others cannot resist the relatively enormous prices offered for their dry vineyards. By his proposal, Mayor Kollek has neatly straddled two opposing views. That of the doves and left wing in the government, who cling to the view that peace can be brought nearer by doing nothing in the occupied areas that cannot be undone; and that of those who say that the area up to the Jordan was allocated for Jewish settlement under the Balfour Declaration after Transjordan had been detached from the Palestinians, and that the present is the last possibility there is likely to be to make good this offer and promise.

What Mayor Kollek is saying is, in fact, that if the main purpose of building up Nebi Samwil is to make sure it remains accessible to Israel, there is an alternative way of assuring this. After all, it was from Nebi Samwil that artillery guns were fired for many years at the road to Tel Aviv, with deep trenches around the mosque to show where the Legionnaires took up their positions. The annexation is unlikely to be approved at the moment, as only Transport Minister Shimon Peres was willing to say yesterday, but the whole proposal has come in time to point out that, whatever may happen in the future, Israel will not allow Nebi Samwil to become a snipers' paradise again.

Gavin Young of the "Observer" believes that neither the Communists nor the radical Iraqis pose a military threat to Western oil sources in the Persian Gulf. The real threat

lies in the danger that Western policy towards its friends may "turn the Gulf over to a number of superlatively armed and probably bloody-minded Colonel Gaddafis," in Young's opinion.

Arms race menace in Persian Gulf

LONDON (Ofs).—

"It's not so much the heat as the cupid-ity," S. J. Perelman, the American wit, once mused about some tropical place. He might have meant the Persian Gulf, which is stinking hot for half the year and stinking rich all the time. Businessmen, governments, crooks, revolutionaries, try to get a finger in an oil sheikh's cash box. The West is trying to ensure that the oil will never be cut off.

Three-quarters of the West's oil supplies come and will continue to come from the Gulf, whatever the talk is of Alaska and the North Sea. But it looks very much as if America — with Britain trotting along behind — is strenuously forging a policy that is certain to turn the Gulf over to a number of superlatively armed and probably bloody-minded Colonel Gaddafis.

The Americans say they are building up friends like the Shah of Iran, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, the Sheikh of Kuwait, to enable them to defend themselves, if not democracy, against Soviet attack without Americans becoming militarily enmeshed in a Middle Eastern Vietnam and to keep the oil in safe hands. But a look at the countries of the Gulf and past Middle Eastern history shows that it is much more likely that American and British policy makers are repeating the most blatant mistakes of the 1940s and 1950s. The State Department seems to have learned nothing of power, radicalism and nationalism in the Arab world since Suez in 1956 or the Iraqi Revolution of 1958.

In the first place, the Americans (and Britain) are not engaged in any ordinary arms build-up, but in potentially the most dangerous assemblage of weaponry in the world. One estimate puts present and future expenditure on modern arms by Iran, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait at \$3,000 million. The Shah is not after Lee Enfields and Bren guns from 1939-1945 war surplus stocks. He is getting up-to-date Phantoms, ground-to-air missiles, surface-to-surface missiles, laser-guided bombs, hundreds of tanks (700 or 800 to Iran alone, mainly

the much admired British Chieftains at a cost of \$150 million), Northrop N5 interceptors, Bell Hawk helicopter gunships, Boeing 707 aerial tankers, fleets of military hovercraft, destroyers and high-speed gunboats.

Across the water, in Saudi Arabia, the richest Arab State, King Faisal, sick and old, is racing to catch up to the Shah. The Sheikh of Kuwait, with an initial defence shopping list of about \$400 million, comes next. "All this is to stabilise the Gulf area," say the Americans.

But the Gulf is not so unstable as it is. Who are the enemies against whom these huge stocks of military hardware could effectively be used? They don't seem to exist. The West's friends are monarchs. They fear Communist and radical aggression. But where is it to come from? The Chinese Foreign Minister, on a recent visit to the Shah in Tehran, publicly embraced his regime. The Russians are friendly with Iraq, Iran's bugbear, but no one imagines Soviet fleets and armies churning aggressively about in the Gulf, bombarding the palaces of oil-rich sheikhs, and imposing people's republics in the desert.

Iraq, with its radical Baath Socialist (though far from Communist) regime, does proselytise in the Gulf States. But Chieftain tanks, missiles and hovercraft are not going to defeat "progressive" ideas from Baghdad. Iraq — supplied militarily, like Egypt, by Russia — is not throwing dinars away on fresh armaments. Iraq poses no serious armed threat, even if it has tried to make Kuwait's flesh creep.

If neither the Communists nor the Iraqis pose a military threat, where lies the danger of an anti-Western radical take-over of this vital area?

Ironically, it is embedded in the very arms escalation the Americans (and the British) are so enthusiastically encouraging. The jets, the ships, the hovercraft, the missile systems, obviously need high-trained men to operate them. These chosen will be very intelligent and some will be very ambitious

too. And training periods in Texas or on Salisbury Plain do not necessarily weed out young officers to Western democracy, or to acceptance of the Middle Eastern policies of Washington or Whitehall. Past history shows the contrary.

The most up-to-date armaments are thus being placed in the hands of forces of imaginative modern young men. Technically adept power elites are being created as the incongruous guardians of traditional regimes allied to a Power, America, which even Arab moderates resent.

Consider where these arms are going. In Iran, the power of the Shah depends largely on the army and a massive police apparatus, even if he has won some hearts and minds with his "White Revolution" in the last 10 years. If the army defends him, it could also overthrow him.

In Saudi Arabia, the richest, biggest, and most important of the West's allies, King Faisal is visibly ailing. He has sons to succeed him and tribes to support them. But in the light of recent history in Iraq, Egypt, Syria, Libya, Algeria, Yemen (leave aside the attempted coups in Morocco) no one could reasonably be astonished if Saudi officers one day decide to take control of government in Riyadh.

The same possibility hovers over Kuwait. The ruler of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Zaid, a delightful, simple-living man, as much interested in preserving the rare White Oryx as in the turbulent modern world, has been induced to buy an Air Force of Mirages — as a status symbol, one supposes, as much as anything else.

Sheikh Rashid of Dubai, who not only has oil but gold as well, is one rich odd man out in this deadly arms scramble. He could buy up Britain's entire arms production for the next few years, but he sensibly prefers not to. "What am I going to do with a lot of Chieftain tanks and hovercraft?" he asks. He has made up his own shrewd mind that it is economic development that makes people happy and healthy, not guns.

Dubai, which came into the news with the recent hijacking of the Japanese Junko, is a shining example of almost incredible progress. Rashid has created a "super" airport, the largest in the Gulf. You fly into an airport that beautifully blends Arab with ultra-modern styles — a sort of 2001 Nights effect, that makes London Airport look like a glorified Nissen hut.

The days of dust and flies are going. By 1976 tiny Abu Dhabi's income will be \$400 million a year, rising to \$1,500 million in 1980. The money here is not going into sheikly shenanigans in Paris nightclubs. Sheikh Zaid of Abu Dhabi's idea of a good time is to go hawking or shooting busterd in the hunt country of Pakistan.

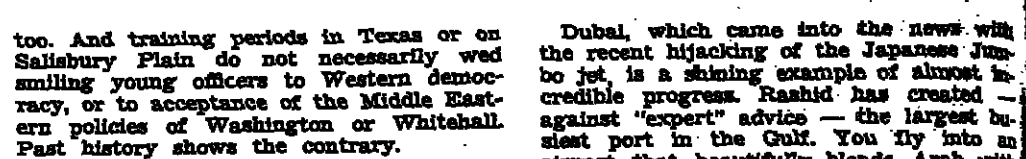
Gulf rulers like Rashid and Zaid are friends of Britain; they are trying to build up their little States and preserve their simple peoples from the neuroses of too sudden wealth; they are not people to be ashamed of. Iraqis and Communist commandos are not going to storm ashore to seize them.

If Saudi Arabia goes radical, armed forces from Iran will not change things there. It, by remote chance, Kuwait has a Lashari coup, the Shah cannot invade Saudi territory and restore the Sheikhs over Arab bodies.

But all this is obscured in the smoke-screen of bloodcurdling talk about imminent aggression from Iraq, about the subservience of Baghdad to Moscow, and the Baath Party's inextinguishable hostility to the West. Yet Iraq is not similarly arming. Western diplomats in Baghdad see no desire among Iraqi leaders for war with Iran or military adventures in the Gulf. On the contrary, there is a striking desire for improved relations with the West, particularly Britain.

Peace can survive in the Gulf through a cooling of parade ground rhetoric, the encouragement of multi-sided talks, appreciation of mutual interests — one of which is oil. "None of us can drink our oil. It has to be sold to the West," they say in Baghdad.

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ATHENS ATTACK

Devar (Hizadur) comments on the Arab terrorist attack at Athens Airport on Sunday. "The murderers were quick to surrender themselves to the Athens police, in the knowledge that they were not endangering their lives and that there was every prospect that they would emerge scot-free. As for the terrorist organizations themselves, they have denied responsibility for the latest acts of terrorism. However, it will not be difficult this time to establish the murderers' identity, nationality and point of departure, and in the long run their despatchers will not escape due punishment."

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'EVAPORATION OF JEWISH CONTENT' IS THE DANGER

By Moshe Kohn

THE "real problem" of American Jewry, in the view of Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, President of the American Jewish Congress, is not the fear of anti-Semitism "but of the mass evaporation of our own Jewish content."

Speaking to the editorial staff of The Jerusalem Post on Sunday, Rabbi Hertzberg, who is also Adjunct Professor of History at Columbia University, said: "I do not have the sense of a Weimar situation in which American Jews are the radicals of culture and being attacked as such. Though I do have a sense of 1930 Budapest where the Jewish intermarriage rate was 50 per cent."

Rabbi Hertzberg, who leads a Conservative congregation in Englewood, New Jersey, is also a non-party member of the Jewish Agency Executive and author of "The Zionist Idea" and "The Jewish Enlightenment" and "The Jewish People." He is here to promote the meeting of the American Jewish Congress Executive continuing this week and over the 11th American-Israel Dialogue, sponsored by the Congress, which took place in Jerusalem last week.

He said that the Israelis "must see American Jewry as fundamentally and consistently in some kind of trouble, while American Jews must see themselves as fundamentally and consistently as a Babylonians." (Babylonian Jewry, from the time of the First Exile about 2,500 years ago but especially in the periods of the Talmud and the Geonim, produced a rich and flourishing Diaspora Jewish culture and literature.) But Rabbi Hertzberg conceded that "no goyim is ultimately a lasting phenomenon."

Since the end of World War II, he said, American Jewry "has come fairly much to the centre of American affairs." They constitute "an outsize proportion of the intellectual-managerial elite." For example, Jews — constituting a little more than 2 per cent of the population — now are about 25 per cent of academic staffs, teachers at the upper ranks and students — at the important colleges and universities and seven per cent at the



Rabbi Hertzberg... no fear of anti-Semitism.

lesser ones. Furthermore, American Jewish writers and intellectuals are "very much at the centre" — and such phenomena as Truman Capote's reference "Playboy" magazine, March, 1968) to the "Jewish Mafia in American letters" or Richard Kostelanetz's statement ("Hudson Review," Autumn, 1965) that "the Jewish-American push continues unabated, encountering surprisingly little protest, often a sort of status of literary value and fair argument," are in Rabbi Hertzberg's view, freak phenomena, not signalling any Weimar-type danger. Also important is the fact that in business and finance, American Jews "have diversified their holdings, and are now to be found across the board of much — with few exceptions — of American industry."

Rabbi Hertzberg said it was wrong to see the Black-Jewish confrontation in the U.S. as being a universal American phenomenon and representing the situation of all the Jews in that country. He contends that this confrontation involves only the Jewish poor (of whom there are today an estimated 700,000 in the U.S., concentrated in the large cities, mainly in the northeastern seaboard region) and the "lower reaches" of the Jewish professionals — mainly the lower-echelon teachers and social workers, areas in which "the Blacks are bidding for their fair share of what they regard as political jobs."

Confrontation

The Jews involved in this confrontation, Rabbi Hertzberg said, constitute only about one-fourth of American Jews, and he criticized the Israeli tendency to project this confrontation onto the whole of American Jewry, declaring, at the same time, that "the Jewish Establishment of which I am a part is not living the things with which (that quarter of American Jewry) is confronted."

How to meet this confrontation with American Blacks and Puerto Ricans now vying for positions which had become a Jewish stronghold, as it were, and for what seem like preferential shares of certain public funds, etc.? Rabbi Hertzberg said:

must be the first criterion of responsible Jewish leadership. Therefore, I believe that we must avoid confrontation politics with the Blacks — because they have less to lose than we do. So we have to use tactics and strategy which will avoid conflict and tension, and will help to bring the Blacks forward without our committing suicide."

In saying this, he attacked the use of "Is it good for the Jews?" as the sole criterion — mentioning Rabbi Meir Kahane as an example of this point of view, and the view, "We (the Jews) made it on merit so why can't they (the Blacks, etc.)?" clearly indicating that he was referring to the "Commentary" position of recent years, though not mentioning the American Jewish Committee-sponsored magazine by name.

Returning to the danger of American Jewry's assimilatory "evaporation," Rabbi Hertzberg said emphatically, however, "that one cannot live in a democratic society on the assumption that that society is going to close certain doors to Jews." Furthermore, "by the choice of living in the American open society, the Jews have chosen to face the danger of evaporation." The problem is paralleled by that of certain Israelis "who try to live certain kinds of religious life outside the envelope" (i.e., of Orthodoxy). He said: "Meir She'arim and Ben-Zion — unless you contend that living with a completely secular, Hebrew-speaking identity is also living a complete Jewish life."

Conversion

He was asked about the Orthodox political parties' aim to amend the Law of the Return so that the category "Jew" will apply only to those born of a Jewish mother (without having adopted another religion), and those converted according to Halakha (Jewish religious law). After defending the fundamental position of the Orthodox, though not their politicalizing, and acknowledging that Conservative and Reform Jews — and their rabbis — suffer certain disabilities in Israel's official religious life, he revealed the following:

Twice in recent years, the American Conservative rabbinate and some of the Reform rabbinate informed the Israel Jewish religious authorities that they would unequivocally accept the principle that only Halakha conversion would be practised. They would do so if the Israel authorities would agree to the setting up of a national American Beth din (rabbinical court), to be approved by, and operating for all American Jews on behalf of, the Israel Chief Rabbinate — but to operate within the framework of a national council comprising representatives of all the American Jewish religious bodies, similar to Israel's local religious councils, which include also representatives of the non-Orthodox political bodies. The American rabbis had made this offer, Rabbi Hertzberg said, "in order to remove Halakha as a bone of contention between the Orthodox and the others." However, "this plan was torpedoed by Orthodox forces in Israel and in the U.S."

Readers' letters

'Kazablan's' prejudices

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — The movie "Kazablan" has indicated a number of problems concerning Jewish society. The problem concerning the attitudes between Jews from different parts of the globe seems to me the most pressing. The producers and directors of this musical do a great disservice to the cause of Jewish unity by using Yiddish as a villain. The question is why should there be anyone upon whom the audience may vent its frustrations, rage and spleen? I don't believe that the tone of this production is worthy of the proud and uncompromising ideals on which Israel has grown and which have, in fact, become accepted even in the minds of non-Jews as representative of Israel.

First among these is the concept of Jewish brotherhood, the very ideal which is shattered by the persistent attitude of the Hungarian Jew. His deficiencies are all apparent due to some association with goulash. This association was picked up in the audience of the Hod Cinema. My reaction to the behaviour of the audience when Yiddish appeared was one of dismay. Although the film was not bad, this atmosphere of prejudice and national character assassination destroyed whatever value existed. A better taste remained from the impression created of Israel by this musical. As refugees from Hungary now living in the U.S., we have looked to Israel as a final home. However, the attitude expressed in the movie gives us pause.

'Serf labour' in the kibbutz

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — Dr. Ater's glowing pronouncements of the success of the industrialization of the kibbutz as its members continue to live their wholesome, dedicated, cheerful, non-materialistic, ideological way of life (July 22) leaves out the fact that serf labour, cheap labour, unpaid labour, in the form of "volunteers" in the factory gives unfair competition to factories for profit and gain. This is a dark cloud in the picture.

The kibbutz has already shown its use of the monopolistic weapon in the recent past by withholding fish supplies from the general public because it did not like the price set for carp. With increasing power in industrialization and with advantages which come to it because it is the show place of Israeli society, the kibbutz can continue to hold power in government, administration, Knesset and policy making that is dangerously out of proportion to the size of its population. I think it should be watched.

LORETTA GOLDBERG
Hertliya, July 23.

Moshe Ater comments: My article was concerned with the remarkable growth of industry in kibbutzim and with the fact that this industry, although managed — as it must be in order to be viable — in accordance with capitalist busi-

regarding immigration if in fact "Kazablan" accurately reflects the feelings of the Jews in Israel. Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE ALDRIDGE, Tel Aviv (Brooklyn), July 20.

Movie critic S.V. comments: "Kazablan" never struck me as making the Hungarian-born Jew keeper, usually referred to as "Goulash" instead of by his real name, Yiddish, into the "villain" was intended as an attack on immigration of Hungarian origin. And on the night I saw the film, there was a audience reaction such as Mr. Aldridge describes. None of my Hungarian friends and acquaintances, as far as I know, were present.

I believe, as I said in my review of July 11, that "really one can look upon the film as a spectacle rather than a study in Jewish community relations." Basically, the story does concern the relationship between immigrants coming to Israel from two very different parts of the world, viz. North Africa and Hungary. I understand that in "Kazablan" the problem was treated as one of Jewish unity, but it was the victims of the Holocaust, not the Hungarians. But a number of years have passed since the stage production, things have changed, and "Kazablan" has been changed into a film musical which is clearly intended as an entertainment of the kind which is a specialty type. In a spectacular such as a film, I do not think dramatic reflection of the feelings of the Jews in Israel.

ness principles, tries to connect this with use of a small, stationary supply of labour. We have do indeed replace hired help, but mainly in seasonal work, mostly in agriculture.

PEN FRIENDS
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